

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
REGULAR WORK SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011
6:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Gatling called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Councilmember Latasha Gatling, Mayor Eugene Grant(Late Arrival 6:58p.m.), Councilmember Darrell Hardy (Absent), Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Darlinda Sanders, Administrative Assistant

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Stephenson

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the following modifications:

2.1. Prince George's County Institutional Network was tabled to the Special Session scheduled for later in the month.

5.1. Structural Engineer of Feggans Center was tabled to the Special Session, as she was informed that Mayor Grant had services performed.

6.2. Feggans Center Project Decision was tabled to the Special Session scheduled for later in the month.

It was motioned by Councilmember Simms and seconded by Councilmember Yeargin to approve the agenda with the modifications. The motion carried.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. Maryanne Anthony, Prince George's County Institutional Network:

- Ms. Anthony was unable to attend the City Council Regular Work Session. The City Council agreed to schedule a meeting for Ms. Anthony to attend Special Session later in the month.

2.2. Darlinda Sanders

- Ms. Sanders informed the City Council that application was sent to vendor's and parade participants. We have confirmed Senator Benson, Angela Alsobrooks, States Attorney and Councilwoman Toles.
- We have sent parade participants to all the Schools last year
- We will have the pony rides and the puppet show this year
- Former Councilman Shivers will be conducting the basketball tournaments. Councilwoman Simms asked if we have the nets for the court. Councilman Porter stated that we need to make sure we have all the equipment needed for the basketball tournament.
- Councilman Porter requested that all the equipment needed for the snow cone machine, pop corn machine, etc. is properly prepared for the event.
- Ms. Sanders stated that she has a few people willing to volunteer. She has put the information in the Newsletter. She will be asking the staff to participate for Seat Pleasant Day
- Councilman Porter asked if we have all equipment requests in through Public Works. Ms. Sanders stated that she has already spoken with Mr. Thompson
- Ms. Sanders stated that the parade will begin after the ceremony.
- She is working on the live entertainment. She has requested the equipment from Park & Planning. The event in the park will be from 12:00p.m.-5:00p.m.
- Councilman Yeargin wanted to know if we could get a covered stage. Ms. Sanders stated that she will request the stage from Park & Planning
- The Council has recommended the park events be throughout the park
- Councilwoman Simms stated that we need to have handicap accessible bathrooms.
- The City Council requested that Ms. Sanders report back at the April Work Session

3. LEGISLATION

- None

4. REPORTS

4.1. Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Grant reported on the Veterans Memorial Day marker. He said that he has received \$30,000 and he has asked the Council for support in having the marker improved. The City needs an additional \$30,000 to renovate the marker. The money is required before June 30, 2011, or it will need to be returned.
- We held a breakfast with the County Executive, States Attorney, County Councilwoman and Sheriff. He has heard rumors that this was a concoction between the Mayor of Capitol Heights and Seat Pleasant Mayor. He referred

back to an article regarding the County Executive attending an event in another municipality. He would like to have a cohesive relationship between the Mayor and Council

- He has submitted a letter to the Council regarding the ethic boards. He has not heard from the Council
- He has requested the architect to perform an evaluation to building regarding the restoration and/or tearing down and rebuilding.
- The bond bill will be heard on Saturday, March 12, 2011. We are requesting an expansion of the Public Works facility
- He has requested a letter of support from the City Council on several legislative items. The proper procedure was to submit to the Council President. He submitted the request a few weeks ago.
- He would like for the City to create a green house zone. Please review House Bill 1056
- There are changes taken place in the Elementary School. The majority of the children attend Seat Pleasant Elementary School. The reclassification of the principal will be from 11 months to 10 months. The increase in class sizes and the budget gap is having an impact.
- We need to continue to support our school, as this gives us the ability to speak on behalf of the school. We can be on the chopping block.
- We are very vocal regarding cutting our schools. He said that he supported his colleague regarding the closing of the school in their jurisdiction. However, the upcoming cuts are serious and it will impact our schools. He is very focus on dealing with issue of substance that will impact our community.
- He said it is the intent of the Office of the Mayor to work with the Council. He said it is very disheartened to hear of the cut throat mentality.

4.2. City Administrator Report:

- Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator Report: Mr. Ashton stated that he will be report on PY36 Street Repairs, Seat Pleasant Green Initiative program and the Kaboom grant.
- We will begin the PY36 work next month. He will provide the council with a list of the streets
- The Seat Pleasant Green Initiative program deadline was extended to April 1, 2011. They received a low response by March 1, 2011. It was four applications received and three was from the first phase of the program. We are using the marquee and running notice in the gazette. We would like for the councilmember's to take at least ten applications into the community. We are

not putting the criteria on seniors only. Councilman Yeargin has passed out application in the community to the seniors

- The Kaboom grant is credited to Councilwoman Simms. He had requested the Grants Coordinator to do some research and have the City registered for the program. It is his understanding that the NLC will be speaking on the program next week.
- Councilwoman Stephenson requested an update on the Internal Audit. Mr. Ashton stated that it will begin on March 21, 2011.
- Councilwoman Stephenson wanted to know the status of the staff attending the meetings. Mr. Ashton stated he will be requesting the Chief of Police and the Code Enforcement Officer to attend the meeting.

- **Council Committee Reports:**

4.3A Economic Development, Housing and Planning-

- Councilwoman Simms stated that she will have a report in the next meeting.

4.3B Finance & Budget Committee-

- Councilwoman Stephenson reported that the internal audit will begin the week of March 21, 2011.

4.3. C Government Affairs & Technology-

- Councilman Porter stated that the Government Affairs & Technology committee did not have a report for the month of February.

4.3. D Human Services, Health and Education-

- Councilman Yeargin stated that the Human Services, Health and Education committee did not have a report for the month of February.

4.3. E Public Safety, Civil Rights-

- Councilman Raynor had to leave early and no report was submitted for the month of February.

4.3. F Public Works & Transportation Committee-

- Councilman Hardy was absent for the meeting and no report was submitted for the Public Works & Transportation Committee for the month of February.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.2. UMD Health Partnership Walking for Fitness

- Councilwoman Stephenson stated that the official name of the program will be Steps to Excellence. It will begin on May 14, 2011 walking from City Hall to 69th.
- You can register at Sparkpeople.com
- We will have a sign-up table at Seat Pleasant Day

5.3. Ethics Board Member Confirmation

- Councilman Porter stated that the Mayor had just mentioned the Ethics Board confirmation. Councilwoman Simms stated that she doesn't feel the Council should postpone the confirmation of the committee recommendation. The City Clerk stated in accordance to the City Code the Council must confirm within ten (10) days. Councilwoman Simms motioned that the Council confirm the ethics board recommendation. It was seconded by Councilwoman Stephenson.
- FOR: Porter, Simms, Stephenson and Yeargin
- AGAINST: None
- ABSTAIN: None

5.4. Discussion of Legislative Items in Annapolis

- Councilman Porter stated that the time sensitive legislative should be submitted to the City Clerk before being disseminated to the Council.
- Councilman Porter requested that the item be added to the Special Session agenda.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6.1. Prince George's County Institutional Network-I-Net

- Councilwoman Simms stated that Maryanne Anthony had to cancel at the last minute. Ms. Anthony will be presenting at the upcoming Special Session.

6.2. Feggans Center Project Decision

- The item will be discussed at the Special Session scheduled for later in the month.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT

7.1. Public Session, Monday, March 14, 2011, City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.

7.2. 24th District Night, Monday, March 21, 2011 Lowe House Office Building, Annapolis, MD at 5:30p.m.

ADJOURN-The meeting adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham

City Clerk